

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, January 5. 1730.

From a Weekly Journal, Dec. 27.

IT is very remarkable, that every Winter towards the Meeting of the Parliament, several little *Scriblers* are hir'd to pelt me in their Writings; in which perhaps there may be a double View: For tho' I am ready to acquit the Writers themselves of any other Design than that of getting a *Livelihood* by abusing me, yet their *Patrons* have plainly another End, by making their *Scurrilities* (which are always very *licentious*) an Argument against the just Liberty of the Press. This Stratagem was particularly made use of last Sessions, and I find it is to be plaid over again this Winter. But as their Papers have mostly been but short-liv'd, when I took no Notice of them, they have sometimes condescended to write me Letters, acquainting me with their Case, and begging I would be so charitably disposed as to give them some Credit, and promote the Sale of their Writings by exposing them to the World. As I have formerly done this out of mere Compassion, upon some Occasions, it seems to give them Encouragement, and Expectation of the like Favour again: But I desire to be excus'd for the future, for I declare, that I shall no more pay any Respect to 'em, unless they discover some Appearance of Wit or Argument in their Writings; or blab out some unlucky Truth, or make some Reflections of a publick Nature as require Animadversion.

It is for this last Reason that I am induc'd to take notice of two Papers of this Kind: The first is the *Flying Post* of Tuesday last; in which some *obscure, abandon'd Wretch* takes the Liberty, in the grossest Terms, to traduce the present worthy *SHERIFFS* of this County, and an *honest English JURY*, for doing their Duty, according to their Oaths. Nay, this *infamous Writer* carries his *soul Aspersions* still higher, and insinuates a *Partiality* even in the Charge to the Jury. His Words are; "That contrary to the plain Fact, to the Proof, to the Charge of the Court, and as much Conviction of Conscience as they were capable of, they clear'd D'Anvers of the Guilt of his infamous Li-

bel, and very wisely and honestly took it to themselves." And again he says, "One may reasonably hope, that a Dozen of such Fellows cannot any where be pick'd up in England, let who will have the Direction of the Jury."

The other is the Author of a *stupid Paper* that came out this Week, under the Title of the *Seasonable Writer*; who threatens to molest us as often as Occasions shall require, during the ensuing Sessions of Parliament: But I believe I shall not think fit to take notice of any of his future Lucubrations. I now couple him with his Brother the *Flying Post*, because he not only hath the Impudence to abuse the JURY in the same Manner, calling them an *infamous Jury*, for no other Reason than because they would not conform their Consciences to the Purposes of some Men; but even insinuates, that there is, at present, more than One Monarch of Great Britain, in the following Words: "Nor would I here attempt a Detail of the various Methods, publicly and privately taken by them, to raise popular Prejudice against the present POSSESSORS of the Throne." Now I take it, that a Monarchy of Two or more Persons is a Contradiction in Terms, from the very Meaning of the Word, which denotes the Power of One; and I never heard of any Law, which invests any other Person with a Co-ordinate Regal Power with the King himself. He cannot surely mean the *Preiender*; for, God be praised, He is not a present Possessor of the Throne, and I hope never will. Once indeed the Regal Power was divided between Two Persons by Act of Parliament; I mean, between King William and Queen Mary; but that is not our Case at present. I wish therefore that this *wile Prostitute* has not some Design of throwing out *Imputations* too gross to be explained. Perhaps he will refer us to the Context, and say, that by the present Possessors of the Throne he means Those Persons against whom I am supposed to write; i. e. some particular Ministers, who shall be nameless. But this makes his Insinuation still the worse; for what can be more insolent than an Assertion,



section, That his Majesty admits any of his Ser-
vants into a Partnership of his Kingdom.

As zealous as I am for the *Liberty of the Press*, I never denied but it might be carried into *Licentiousness*, which I say ought to be punished, tho' not by the *Suppression of useful Writings*. And tho' I am very unwilling to spirit up Prosecutions of this Nature, yet I think no Writers can deserve 'em more than those before us, who have thus insolently assailed the worthy Magistrates of this City, accused an impartial, disinterested *English Jury* of Corruption, without any Shadow or Pretence of Reason, and endeavoured to diminish his Majesty's Royal Prerogative, by setting a Partner upon his Throne.

CALEB D'ANVERS.

Wife's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 30.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, one from Holland, and one from Flanders.

WE are informed from Durham, that besides John Sheftoe Esq; Henry Lambton Esq; stands candidate for Member of Parliament for that City; the former depends upon the Love of his Friends, the later, who is also a very worthy Gentleman, has the Interest of the Bishop and Dean, and likewise part of the Chapter.

The Members of Parliament are daily coming to Town from their respective Countries, and 'tis expected that both Houses will be very full, to hear the joyful News communicated from the Throne, of the Conclusion of an Honourable and Advantageous Peace with the King of Spain, who, according to the Advices by the Holland Mail, has forever granted Gibraltar and PortMahon to the Crown of England, but that on the other hand he has obtained some new and great Advantages for Don Carlos in Italy, particularly that Orbitello and Porto Ercole, &c. are to be evacuated to the Spanish Troops, and that Tuscany must partly do the same.

The Letters from Vienna intimate, That some Thousands more Imperial Troops would suddenly march to Italy, and be seconded by some Italian Princes, in Order to hinder Don Carlos's settling there.

Those from Spain say, That they were under great Uneasiness there for fear the Ecclesiastical State should be harassed with the March of foreign Troops.

The Annual Ship of the South S. Sea Company is in such forwardness, that she will be ready to take in her Cargo by the middle of February next, and sail in Company with the *Assiento* and the *Snow* for Buenos Ayres. 'Tis remarked that the like Expedition was never known to be made on a Ship of so great a Burden, being 900 Tons, which is so more than the *Royal George*.

Private Letters which arrived yesterday from Milan advise, That Thomas Robinson Esq; Member of Parliament for Morpeth, the Lady Leckmore his Spouse, also Miss Robinson his Sister, and two of their Servants, who have been some time travelling in Italy, were on the 6th instant robb'd in that City of about 50 L. sterl. altho their Treasure lay for the most part under their Heads.

Letters from Cadiz by the French Mail this Day advise, that one of the Gallies belonging to the last Fleet arrived there the 13th instant, and reports, that when she came from Porto Bello, which was the 10th of October, the S. Sea Ship Prince Frederick continued then at La Vera Cruz, and would not be able to depart before the Flota, that the said Gallie has on Board a great Quantity of Cocoa, and a large Sum of Money, but how much, these Letters are not certain.

The Court, we hear, will next Sunday go into Mourning for three Months on account of the Death of the Princess of Anspach, her Majesty's Sister in Law.

'Tis said James Pelham Esq; will be made Vice Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household in Room of the Lord Harrington.

New Mediterranean Passes are said to be making out at the Admiralty Office for the Use of the Merchants that trade that way.

'Tis reported that the Lord Bolton is in Goal at Paris for Debt. S. Sea Stock 107, 38ths.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 30.

Frankfort, Dec. 28. The Recruits that have been raised hereabouts are to proceed in a few Days for Italy. By Letters from Switzerland of the 25th of this Month we are informed, that the Republic of Genoa will purchase Saravalla of his Imperial Majesty; That the Court of Rome has taken a Resolution to send Troops to Parma and Placentia; and that the King of Sardinia is treating to take into his Service for two Years 4000 Men of Switzerland.

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Brussels, Dec. 29. Col. Chartris, who has been so fortunate in his Time, that he is said to have Ten thousand Pound sterl: a year, was cur'd of the Dropsy some Months ago by a Monk, and returned to England; but is lately come over again, in Search of one that lived with him, whom he accuses of stealing a Bill of Exchange for some Thousands of Pounds, and leaving a forg'd one in his Trunk in lieu of it, which the Colonel knew nothing of till he went to the Bankier to receive his Money, and found that the true Bill was already paid to some other Person.

Hague, Jan. 6. 'Tis confirmed from Moscow, that the Emperor of Russia declar'd on the 30th of November last, his Marriage with the Princess Dolgorucki; and they add, that the Prince, Father of that Princess, had been declar'd Vice and Admiral General of the Russian Empire.

They write from Florence, that on the 8th last Month the Great Duke, after having held a Council, sent to Father Ascanio, who takes care of the Affairs of Spain, a Letter from his own Hand for the King his Master.

We hear from Amsterdam, that the *Riddersk*, a Ship belonging to the E. India Company, arrived Yesterday in the Texel from Batavia, from whence she sailed July last, with Advice that M. de Haan, Governor-General, and the Fiscal M. de Graastand, Fiscal, were both dead there: and that, in Expectation of the Company's Orders, they had appointed *per interim* two other Persons in their Room. She has brought 130,000 lb. of Tea.

They write from Seville, that the Court of Spain intended to leave that Place the Beginning of this Month, to return to Madrid; but others believed they would first go to Barcelona, to see Dr. Carlos embark for Italy.

Dublin, Dec. 20. Yesterday died on Harlow-hill, the Hon. Col. Montgomery, one of our Representatives in Parliament.

London, Dec. 30. The Lord Townshend sets out to Morrow for his Seat in Norfolk.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mark Ker, Esq; commonly called Lord Mark Ker, to be Governor of the Fort of Sheerness in the life of Shepey.

One Buck a private Centinel in the Guards, who lately swore himself to be a Roman-Catholick, has received 300 Lashes, and is to receive 300 more, after which he is to be continued in the Regiment, upon Circumstances that contradict his Oath.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 30.

Petersburg, Decem. 9. Admiral Sievers has received Orders from the Emperor, to make the Dispositions for 4 large Men of War, from 50 to 54 Guns, and mounted with 400 Men each, and two Frigates, with Provisions for two Years, to be ready to sail as soon as the Sea is clear of Ice.

London, Decem. 30. His Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon designs to set out for France, so soon as he is recovered of his Indisposition.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 30.

Paris, Jan. 4. Yesterday her Majesty entertained several Princesses of the Blood, and Ladies of the Court, on Account of her safe Delivery of a Dauphin, who, with the Queen, is in perfect Health. Cardinal Henry had Yesterday a long Conference with the Spanish Plenipotentiaries upon the Affairs of the Treaty. Couriers pass frequently between this Court and that of Seville, upon important Matters. The British Ambassador Col. Stanhope arrived here Yesterday from Seville, and set out immediately for Calais, in order to embark for England.

Hague, Dec. 31. Count Koninseck, the Emperor's Envoy, was Yesterday in Conference with the States Deputies on the Subjects of some Dispatches he received from Vienna, touching the Ostend East-India Company.

Dublin, Dec. 10. The last Day a Bailiff climbed by a Ladder into one of the Windows of a Boarding-School in Channel-Row, and arrested a Lady about 12 o' Clock at Noon. This dextrous Catchpole was seen by several People when he mounted the Steps that will probably lead to his Fate; but none suspected him for what he was, being dressed as a Lamp Lighter, and a Lamp being fix'd near to Window he enter'd at, it was supposed he was going to make it ready to light that Night.

London, Decem. 30. We hear from Atterbury in Oxfordshire, that a Woman was lately brought to Bed of Four Sons and Two Daughters, who were all Christen'd in the Church on Christmas Eve, and are all like to live.

Edinburgh, Jan. 5. On Thursday last died at his Country Seat near this City, Mr. Alexander Wedderburn, Advocate, one of the present Commissioners of Excise.

Yesterday Morning William Duff of Bracco, Esq; Representative in Parliament for Bamf-shire, set out for London.

A charitable Contribution is carrying on in this City, and over the Kingdom, to enable the Undertakers for managing the *Infirmary or Hospital for Sick Poor*, to prosecute the good Work they have so laudably begun, and hitherto successfully carried on, to their immortal Honour.

We are told, that on Thursday last they began the Year at Burntisland with a *Sheriffnuir*. It seems some Customhouse-officers had Information of un-entred Goods being lodged in the Place, which accordingly they seized: But the Mob were so audacious as to fall upon them, in order to recover the Goods; which they had certainly effected, but for the Assistance of a Party of the Troops, who soon dispersed them, tho' not without Blood upon both Sides.

This Day (being the 28th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 11 o' Clock, 54 Min. Tomorrow, at 12, 42 Min. Wednesday, at 1, 30 Min.

New Moon on Thursday at 45 Minutes past 1 in the Morning.

Haddington, Jan. 2, 1730.

Best Wheat, 08 14 00.	2d, 08 10 00.	3d, 08 00 00
Best Bear, 06 10 00.	2d, 06 00 00.	3d, 05 15 00
Best Oats, 06 09 00.	2d, 06 04 00.	3d, 05 14 00
Best Pease, 05 00 00.	2d, 04 12 00.	3d, 04 08 00

ADVERTISEMENT.

There is to be exposed to publick Sale, a fresh Parcel of fashionable SILK STUFFS, and other Merchant-Goods, at very reasonable Rates, first Storey of the Exchange Stairs, Parliament-Close, on the Left Hand; from 9 to 1, and from 2 to 4 of the Clock; and to continue till all be sold.

That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS younger of GLENBERVY, the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the 27th of January, Inst. in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

Whereas, in consequence of former Advertisements, very few of the Creditors of the deceased JAMES BROWN-HILL-Wright, have given in their Interests to their Trustees, to constitute the same against the Heirs of the Defunct, in order to an Adjudication; and whereas all the Cre-

ditors by open Account, which are assign'd to the Trustees, tho' many of them have proven their Debts, yet have not furnished the Trustees with Decrets of Cognition; and the Trustees having raised a general Charge against the Heirs, whereof the Days are run, at also a Summons of Constitution: They therefore hereby intimate to the whole Creditors of the Defunct, particularly those who were Creditors by open Account, to give in to WILLIAM ELLIOT Writer in Edinburgh, and one of the Trustees, their respective Grounds of Debt, due by the Defunct to them by Bond, Bill, Decreet of Cognition, &c. on or before the Fifteenth current; with Certification, That those who shall neglect to give in their Interests, the Trustees will go on without Regard to them, whereby they will lose the Benefit of foresaid Diligence.

That the TENEMENTS of LAND after mentioned, (lying within the City of Edinburgh) which belonged to the deceased ROBERT STARK Writer in Edinburgh, viz. A Tenement of Land in the Close called *The Back of Bess Wynd*, consisting of four Storeys, with Closets, Cellars and Garrets; being of yearly Rent about L. 24 08 08 sterl. and that other Tenement of Land in *Preston's Close*, commonly called *Stewart's Close*, on the North Side of the Street, near the Cross, consisting of five Storeys, and a Top or Garret-storey, with Closets and Cellars belonging thereto, paying L. 34 15 sh. sterl. of yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, by the Relict of the said deceased Robert Stark, as having Right thereto from her Husband; each of the said Tenements by themselves either in hail or in different Storeys, as Purchasers shall desire, upon the Eighth Day of January Inst. at Three of the clock after Noon, within the House of Mrs. Nicholson Vintner in Edinburgh. The particular Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of ADAM MERCER Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Head of Liberton's Wynd.

These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Edinburgh FRIENDLY-INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 12th of January Inst. in Mary's Chappel in Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, at three a Clock Afternoon.

That on the Second of February next, there is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of Alexander Primrose in *Elphinstone* Pans in Stirlingshire, a considerable Quantity of GROWING FIR-TREES of all Sizes, fit for any kind of Building, either in Wholesale or Part-cells. Any Person may there buy, or give Proposals thereanent to the said Alexander Primrose, (who will shew the said Trees any Time before the Sale) or to Mr. James Macewen Bookseller in Edinburgh, at his Shop there, in order to be by Mr. Macewen transmitted to the Proprietor. The Fir-Trees grow within a Quarter a Mile of the Water of Forth, where Vessels of any Burden can be commodiously loaded at all Seasons.

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